

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312
Serial No. 09/587,756

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheets include changes to FIGS. 1-10B. These sheets replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1-10B.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Formal Matters

The applicant has attached formal drawings to this paper. These sheets replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1-10B. The original drawings, FIGS. 1-10B, contained various informalities such as incorrect margins, improper shading, and hand-drawn reference numbers. The applicants submit that no new matter was added to the amended drawings.

The applicant has amended the specification on page 13 to amend a reference to U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/233,991 that has since issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,585,777.

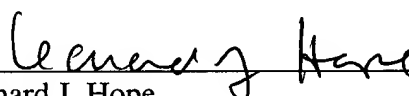
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the applicant respectfully requests that the amendments made to the present application be entered prior to patent issue, as allowed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's undersigned attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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